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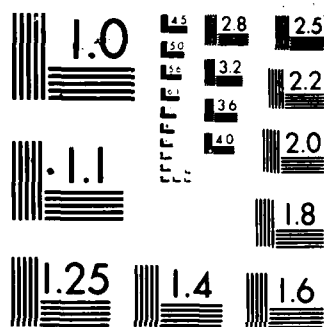
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Enclosed is the Final Technical Report for our AFOSR-84-0297 project
"Request for Instrumentation." My apologies for the initial confusion
and the slight additional delay in forwarding the report to you.

The subject support was much appreciated and as you will note from
the considerable progress cited has developed into an outstanding useful
and productive facility. Not only has our AFOSR project been aided by
the facility but other projects as well and we anticipate continued
applications to defense-related research.

Best regards

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Equipment Purchased:

VAP-22 Preparative Free-Flow Electrophoresis (Bender and Hobein, Munich, FRG).

Zeiss EM/109 Transmission Electron Microscope (Carl Zeiss, Inc., Oakbrook, IL).

Progress: The equipment was used to establish a cell/organelle subfractionation facility consisting of preparative free-flow electrophoresis interfaced with transmission electron microscopy to monitor and evaluate the separations achieved. The facility and equipment presently is located in the Life Sciences Research Building of the Main Campus of Purdue University.

The major use thus far has been in support of a project "Early Phase Interactions of Toluene with Membranes" funded through the United States Air Force Office of Scientific Research. Under this project, ultrastructural, biochemical and molecular approaches have been applied to problems of how toluene influences membrane structure and function. The basic hypothesis under test is that toluene may intercalate into membranes and disrupt membrane organization through a disturbance particularly of boundary lipids known to be critical to membrane function and stability. In this connection, free-flow electrophoresis provides a rapid and convenient means to isolate membranes especially from cultured cells. All phases of the study have relied heavily on electron microscopy. Major advances have come as well in the purification and concentration of membrane located receptors potentially important to rapid developments in the area of molecular electronics and sensor development for environmental toxicants including antipersonnel agents important to military defense.

With the technique of free flow electrophoresis, mixtures of membranous cell components to be separated are introduced as a fine jet into a separation buffer moving across the field lines of an electric field. It is a powerful separation tool developed over the past decade largely in West Germany and currently of very limited availability to investigators in the United States. The separation technique is one of the few procedures capable of separating parasites from host cell components, of separating infected or diseased from normal cells of the same cell type, of separating cell types based on pathological differences not related to infectious agents, and of complete subfractionation of cell surface and internal membrane compartments in a single preparative step. The procedure is amenable to continuous batch operation with preparation of gram quantities of materials but highly dependent upon morphological criteria for routine monitoring of separation efficacy. Hence, the requirement that the preparative free-flow electrophoresis instrument be combined with a transmission electron microscope.

Electron microscopy is the method of choice for routine monitoring of membrane preparations since only small amounts of material are required, one obtains simultaneous estimates of fraction composition, purity and integrity, and a single analytical method can be applied simultaneously to a wide range of separation problems. Continuous operations of the facility during the past year has generated approximately 200 electron microscope samples per week. This number of samples has required between 20 and 30 or more hours of microscope time per week for evaluation plus the services of a full-time technician for processing and thin sectioning of specimens.

Direct cost sharing was provided through the provision of ancillary equipment for specimen preparation for electron microscopy, a second free-flow electrophoresis unit and needed centrifuges and installation costs with an estimated total of about \$65,000.

Indirect cost sharing was provided through approximately 30% of effort by the principal investigator (including time from existing research projects requiring use of the facility) to its operation and development plus technical support. A full-time electrophoresis technician operates and maintains the preparative free-flow electrophoresis system and an electron microscope technician is responsible for specimen preparation and photographic processing. Those who have utilized the facility include 8 graduate students, 5 post-doctoral associates and 10 visiting scientists from other universities. Each of the graduate students and postdoctorals as well as many of the visiting scientists have received advanced training in cell and membrane fractionation as a result of the facility.

Purdue University staff who have used the facility extensively or have benefited from its operation through students and associates other than the principal investigator include:

Dr. Frederick L. Crane, Department of Biological Sciences

Dr. Linda B. Jacobsen, Director, Mammalian Cell Culture Laboratory

Dr. Charles Bracker, Department of Botany and Plant Pathology

Dr. Robert Geahlen, Department of Medicinal Chemistry and

additionally

Dr. Hilton H. Mollenhauer, Veterinary Toxicology Laboratory, College Station, TX, a co-investigator on two of the projects supported by the facility, also has been a major user during the past six months as a Visiting Scientist on the Purdue University campus.

A major accomplishment derived from the availability of the facility has been the demonstration of the general applicability of free-flow electrophoresis as a new technology based on surface charge for separation of biological membranes.

The apparatus provided were among the first to be generally available in the United States and many scientists already have visited our facility and have left with plans to develop similar facilities of their own. The findings were summarized as part of a very successful conference on new separation

methods held in Heidelberg, FRG, October 1-4, 1986 and sponsored by the United States Air Force Office of Scientific Research during which demonstrations, discussion and applications of the new methodology formed the primary basis for the meeting.

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